

An Overview of What We Know About Mercury, Far and Near

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Mercury is of great regional and national concern, mainly due to its potency as a neurotoxin, and its accumulation in our food supply. While natural, its usefulness and man's activities have accelerated its release into and concentration in environmental media – air, water, and fish. Because of mercury's complex biogeochemistry, persistence and global cycles, it has become a vexing and widespread environmental and human health problem. This is the case even here in Idaho, in places far from and long after its use. This presentation will provide an overview of what we know about mercury.